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French Scuttle Fleet As Germans Occupy Toulon

Our Daily Bread

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ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Dog-House Anderson

House-Dog Congressmen

Roy Anderson is singing the blues today—and it isn't post-Thanksgiving indigestion. Roy is in the dog-house with several Hope families. He got some hard-working housewives to prepare Thanksgiving dinner for Service men—but some of the boys didn't show up. You know what war is.

Jeffers Pledges Gas to Farmers, War Workers

—Washington

Washington, Nov. 27.—(P)—Farmers and war workers will be allowed necessary gasoline to meet their needs, Rubber Administrator William M. Jeffers told Senate investigators today in reiterating that immediate nationwide rationing was "an absolute necessity."

Jeffers went to Capitol Hill backed by President Roosevelt's order of yesterday that nationwide gasoline rationing should go into effect Dec. 1 to conserve rubber, despite protests from congress members.

Testifying before the special Senate defense investigating committee, Jeffers disclosed he had asked Price Administrator Leon Henderson and Transportation Director Joseph Eastman to make changes in the rationing program for farmers and war workers.

"I suggested to Mr. Eastman that farmers and stockmen generally have a very necessary use for trucks and their pending rationing of local difficulties they should be given to understand that they are to continue their normal operations until such time as their individual needs are determined."

In the case of war workers, he said in a memorandum that he had recommended that management labor boards set up to determine individual needs of the men.

"If there are any disputes," he asserted, they will be resolved in such a way as "to preclude any possibility of their being any difficulty in people generally going about their activities without interference, until the matter can be straightened out."

With no new rubber available, Jeffers testified, "we face the absolute necessity of the rationing program, which will enable us to continue essential driving through the fall of 1943 and spring of 1944."

Jeffers said the production of synthetic rubber was clouded by "the fact that a big part of the success in the processes and the size and continuity of output."

He added: "While all the experiments are good, and the outlook is reasonably bright, I deem it plain common sense and like this to err on the side of conservatism."

President Roosevelt's order left congressional opponents of rationing with the alternative of giving up the fight or carrying it to the floor of Congress.

Jeffers testified that if all the nation's motorists would read the Baruch rubber report "I don't think any sort of pressure would change their minds" as to the necessity for rationing.

This statement was echoed by Price Administrator Leon Henderson who asserted objections to the program in some localities indicated "propaganda work."

Jeffers told the committee that Transportation Director Joseph Eastman thought the county agricultural agents in each county should make final determination of the gasoline needs of the farmers and stockmen in his locality.

"The farmer is the most important individual in America in this war effort, not even excepting a member of the armed forces," he continued. "Nothing will be done to interfere with his doing his job."

Jeffers promised Chairman Truman (D-Mo) that he would make allowances for the west and middle west where he was aware that it was necessary to travel greater distances for essential purpose than in the east.

Mot opposition to rationing has come from farm and oil state members of Congress.

Japs Cling to Main Positions at Buna-Gona

—War in Pacific

By C. YATES MACDANIEL
Allied Headquarters in Australia, Nov. 27.—(P)—Reinforced by strong and well-equipped Marine units, Japanese troops crammed into the narrow Buna-Gona beachhead are holding their major positions in the face of day long air assaults and steady but slightly abated pressure from Allied ground forces.

Comparatively meager official reports from the New Guinea front today showed little general tactical change in the battle picture in the last 24 hours.

But a check on the Japanese dead confirmed earlier indications that the enemy, despite severe blows by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's aerial squadrons, had succeeded in bringing reinforcements into action.

Since the night of Nov. 19 United States and Australian bombers have sunk a Japanese cruiser, four destroyers and two landing boats, have heavily hit and probably sunk a fifth destroyer and damaged another moving toward the 12-mile shoreline still in Japanese hands.

A dispatch from New Guinea front said fanatical Japanese resistance and "beautifully placed defense positions confronted American troops in the Papuan peninsula campaign, but they were determined to crush the enemy."

Chains were made tortuously, by feet and by yards. Enemy gun positions fell slowly, one by one.

Today's Allied headquarters communique said some Japanese dead bore Marine insignia and "Y" or "Z" markings, "indicating special landing forces of shock troops, and their new uniforms and excellent physical condition confirmed their recent landing by Japanese Naval forces in the frequent sorties off the north coast."

Paul V. McNutt, new manpower chief and federal security administrator, would succeed Perkins as interior secretary, would become federal security head, if the plan is adopted.

When Stephen Early, White House press secretary, was asked today about the cabinet shift reports, he replied:

"The president told me yesterday afternoon that he had the whole thing (manpower) under study but had reached no decision."

The Nebraska senator was understood to have written the president recommending Brown highly and to have received a reply agreeing that Brown, a former Michigan lawyer, had excellent qualifications for the post. The president's letter, it was said, was "very encouraging."

Due to heavier rail traffic and resulting blocked crossing on the Missouri Pacific Main line, and to provide better fire protection for the industrial and residential property north of the Missouri Pacific tracks a fire truck and drivers are stationed at the Municipal water and light plant.

Fire calls for all sections of the city will be received in the usual way. Phones in both stations are on the same line. To report a fire, call phone number 499 or Call "Fire Department". For calls to the fire station on other business call number 826.

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Reinforced Russian Army Increases Danger to Nazi Troops Before Stalingrad

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, Nov. 27.—(P)—Danger deepened hourly for Hitler's battered spearhead at Stalingrad today, the latest battle dispatches indicated, as fresh strength poured into the aggressive Red Army garrison over a newly won land route and fast-wheeling field columns cut across the besiegers' lifelines to the west.

A confused war of movement swirled across the broad steppes west of Stalingrad and it was impossible to define battlelines clearly, but overnight dispatches said, that in some places the Red offensive gained such momentum that fleeing Germans were frustrated in efforts to burn warplanes on fields overwhelmed too swiftly to permit takeoffs.

Dozens of planes were reported captured undamaged at one air-drome in a sector described only as hilly.

Overnight reports pushed to 115,000 the number of Axis soldiers said to have been killed or captured in the nine-day-old drive, with possibly another 150,000 wounded.

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Allies Advance to Within 15 Miles of Tunis

—Africa

By The Associated Press
London, Nov. 27.—(P)—Allied spearheads were reported today to have advanced to a point 15 miles from Tunis and to have clashed with Axis forces at Matruh, a communications junction 25 miles south of Bizerte, in an effort to drive a wedge between the fortified city and the Naval base of Tunisia.

Both developments were announced in a Berlin radio broadcast.

The position of the task force striking at Tunis was not stated, but an Allied communique earlier announced that British first Army troops, striking northward, had captured Mejez, El Bab, 30 miles southwest of Tunis, over stiff resistance and were "advancing successfully."

Mtous lies a thwart the railway line and one of two highways. French troops and British troops have concentrated the majority of German and Italian troops in Tunisia. London commentators estimate their numbers at 25,000. It is 40 miles northwest of the capital. Eastward, toward the Mediterranean coast, runs another highway between Bizerte and Tunis.

The Morocco radio said all ground engagement this far fought amid the first showers of the Tunisian rainy season, had been on a small scale. It reported the Honore Giraud were advancing rapidly eastward in cooperation with the British and American programs.

The Berlin radio declared the German air force had gained air superiority over Tunisia "with lightning speed," but offered no statistics in support of the statement.

"Naval and land forces have been able to pour men and materials into the country," the Nazi agency said. "Development Axis forces is still in progress and consequently fighting is restricted to a few minor brushes between Mobile units."

The need for disciplined speed was indicated by the German and Italian troop movements from Libya and Sicily which, despite Allied air and sea attacks, were shortening and manpower odds.

Authoritative London quarters estimated the Germans now had about 20,000 men in northern Tunisia, several thousand more ready to board transports in Sicily and between 3,000 and 4,000 transferred from western Libya to man coastal defense against the British, French and American divisions—perhaps 150,000 men of the British Fleet.

Allied headquarters communique No. 20 said:

"Allied aircraft have provided strong fighter protection for offensive operations on the ground."

It reported 10 enemy planes were believed destroyed around in a United States air force attack upon the Tunis airbase early yesterday and RAF squadrons the day before "conducted several sweeps, destroying a minimum of 12 enemy aircraft for a loss of seven of our aircraft."

Th U. S. pilots were said to have found the Tunis airbase littered with Axis planes destroyed in previous raids.

"Our planes encountered heavy machine gun fire from the ground, but no fighter opposition," it was announced.

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Nazis Meet, Defeat All Resistance

—Europe

London, Nov. 27.—(P)—The Vichy radio went off the air at 7:30 p.m. (2:30 p.m. E.W.T.), today, 15 minutes after announcing that it no longer could guarantee transmissions "because of events."

Earlier in the evening it had broadcast a colorful account of the scuttling of the French fleet in Toulon harbor. Its first announcement indicated that it might not be allowed to continue operating.

London, Nov. 27.—(P)—The great naval harbor of Toulon, where, according to Vichy accounts, the French fleet was scuttled, is a "scene of utter desolation with all the magnificent ships of the French navy lying on their sides and with dense clouds of smoke rising from them," said a Vichy broadcast today that was recorded by Reuters news agency.

(The Germans said part of the fleet was scuttled.)

"The maritime prefecture, the postoffice and the town hall fell quickly into the hands of the German troops who swarmed in through the windows from ladders placed against the walls," said the radio account.

"A column of German tanks and armored cars entered the arsenal by the Castignone gate and dashed full speed to the Milhaud docks where the battleship Strasbourg was moored."

"Another German motorized column brought soldiers armed with tommy guns to the Vauban basin, in which the battleship Dunkerque was undergoing repairs and in front of which the cruisers Foch, Algerie, Duquesne and Jean de Vienne, together with a number of light cruisers, destroyers and corvettes were moored."

"A sudden explosion rent the air. It came from the Strasbourg, which had just scuttled itself. Explosion after explosion followed as all other ships in the harbor and the French coastal batteries blew themselves up."

"On some ships preparations for the scuttling were not quite ready so the sailors opened fire on the Germans to keep them off until the explosions wrecked the ships."

"There were many casualties both among the defenders and the scuttling crews who sacrificed their lives to prevent the ships from falling into the hands of the Germans."

"All captives stood on the bridge until their ships sank. Most of them lost their lives."

"The town echoed to the rattle of German lorries carrying French prisoners who maintained a calm and dignified front while their captors stood over them with fixed bayonets."

"Even after daybreak the noise of the explosions continued as isolated small ships blew themselves up, while massive roar from the munition dump and oil tanks at some distance from the docks added to their quota to the wreckage."

"There was absolutely nothing left of the complicated and precious material stored in the naval arsenal."

"In the early afternoon the mayor of Toulon issued an order for the closing of all cinemas, theaters and public places at 10 p.m., although no restriction had been placed on the movements of the population in the streets."

London, Nov. 27.—(P)—Reuters recorded a Vichy broadcast today saying that "by orders of Admiral De La Borde vessels of the French Squadron at Toulon scuttled themselves. At 10 a.m. there was not a vessel afloat."

The broadcast, quoting a Vichy news agency dispatch from Marseille, added that "at 4 a.m. German troops made an entry into Toulon."

"Armored columns made their way immediately to the arsenal which they entered by the Castignone gate," it said. "At this moment Admiral De La Borde gave the order to scuttle, which was immediately carried out."

By ROGER D. REENE
Associated Press War Editor
Adolf Hitler's high command said today that part of the French fleet had been scuttled as German troops, trampling another solemn Nazi pledge into the dust, occupied the big French naval base at Toulon.

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23 SHOPPING DAYS
TO
Christmas
Give
WAR BONDS & STAMPS

Funeral for County Man at Rocky Mound

Funeral services for Sam Watson, 42, resident of Hope route two who died Tuesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Watson, were held yesterday at Rocky Mound.

He is survived also by a son, Harvey of New York; 4 brothers, Robert of Washington, J. M. of Hope, Charles of Rockford, Ill., Paul of Watson of Camp Wolters, Texas; four sisters, Mrs. M. K. Mims of New Mexico, Mrs. W. E. Norris of New Boston, Texas, Mrs. Claud Bateman of Hugo, Okla. and Mrs. D. V. Osburn of Hope.

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Truck Owners Must See Local Board for Gas

J. M. Passwaters, Representative of the State Office of Price Administration, stated on his visit to the Hempstead County OPA Office that all commercial gasoline users must get Rations from this Office.

They are to procure OPA Form No. 536, execute same, and present ODT Certificate with completed application and they will be issued their gas rations.

If they have applied and not received ODT Certificates fill out the same above numbered form, giving estimated number of gallons of gas for the month of December and receive their Temporary rations.

But when they do receive their ODT Certificate must return Temporary Rations immediately and receive their regular ration in the regular manner.

The name of Prince Rupert, western terminus of the Canadian National Railway, was chosen in a prize contest in which 15,000 participated.

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Mrs. Cobb Dies at Home Near Hope

Mrs. Willis A. Cobb, about 55, a resident of Hempstead county for the past 33 years, died at her home near Shover Springs early today after a long illness.

Born in Illinois, Mrs. Cobb, the former Violet Sanford from Mar, Arkansas with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sanford, many years ago. She is survived by her husband and several brothers and sisters.

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Social Calendar

Miss Nichols and Mr. Lavin are wed at Church Ceremony in a beautiful and quiet wedding on Thursday evening, November 23, Miss Julia Norfield, Nichols, daughter of Mrs. T. L. Nichols and the late Mr. Nichols of Parkdale, became the bride of John Thomas Lavin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shepherd of Gurdon. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock in the First Baptist Church with the pastor, the Reverend William R. Hamilton, officiating at the single ring service.

Proceeding the nuptial service, Mrs. Jess Davis, organist, played "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly." Liebstrum and Mansey's Trio were softly played during the exchange of vows.

Kirven Nichols of Little Rock, brother of the bride, lighted the candles.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Dr. W. B. Daniel, of Texarkana.

Miss Evelyn Nichols of Hope was her sister's only attendant. Sammy Sewell of Texarkana served the groom as best man.

The bride attended Ouchitua college and Judson College, Marion, Alabama.

Mr. Lavin is a graduate of Ouchitua College.

After a short wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Hope, where Mr. Lavin is connected with the High School.

Dillard-Hatcher Rites on Thanksgiving Day

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hatcher announce the marriage of their daughter, Maxine, to Milton J. Dillard, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dillard of Waldo.

The marriage was solemnized on Thursday, November 26, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride.

The Reverend William R. Hamilton, pastor of the First Baptist church performed the ceremony before a small gathering of relatives and close friends.

An improvised altar of white chrysanthemums and Smilax formed the place of the rites.

The bride, who entered alone, wore a wimple dress of dusty rose with white velvet trim. Her accessories were black. A shoulder corsage of sweetheart roses completed her costume. A string of heirloom pearls was her only ornament.

Miss Pauline Hatcher was her sister's maid of honor and only attendant. Her dress was of black velvet and her corsage was of split carnations in pink.

Roy Crank was Mr. Dillard's best man.

After the ceremony dinner was served members of the wedding party and the guests. Red roses were used to decorate the dining room.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding included: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crank of Texarkana, Mrs. Delma Bales, sister of the groom, of Mexico, Miss and Pyl. Ross McCaule of the Southwestern Proving Ground.

Thursday Party is Given at the Barlow

Among the many dinners given Thursday was the party hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Panky of Emmet at the Barlow at noon.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ledbetter of Plain Dealing, La., Miss Sara Lou Ledbetter, Miss Mae Dell Phillips, and Mr. and Mrs. Panky.

The circular table was centered with an arrangement of yellow and white chrysanthemums in a crystal bowl.

Miss Nell Louise Broyles of Henderson State Teachers College is among the college girls home for the Thanksgiving holidays. She is the guest of her parents, Mr. and J. C. Broyles.

Mrs. W. R. Herndon departs today for Shreveport to spend a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Ward of Ashdown were Thursday guests of

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Bobcats Nosed Out 20 to 14 by Pine Bluff

Pine Bluff and Hope closed the 1942 football season here with a Thanksgiving Day thriller, which the Zebras wrapped up in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter and took home as a 20-to-14 victory. But it was close all the way, with the lead constantly changing, and the teams battling over a one-point margin that was not turned into victory until the visitors put over their third touchdown in the final minutes of play.

Pine Bluff was without the services of its backfield star, the high-scoring Shorty Turley, confined to a Little Rock hospital with a ruptured kidney—but it didn't make much difference. His substitute halfback, Baldwin, covered himself with glory, galloping to two touchdowns, while Quarterback McNeill accounted for the other Striped Mule tally.

The game boasted J. C. McCullough, Hope halfback and captain, for all-state honors, further along in the race for top scoring honors in the state, as he went over for one touchdown.

Preliminary to the kickoff, Miss Mary Jo Dickinson, queen, and her maids were escorted from the field by Captain Jake Aslin of Hope.

Among those present was Miss Beryl Henry, long-time superintendent of Hope's public schools, now on executive in the school administration of the east Arkansas colony for California-evacuated Japanese.

One Hope boy, Billy Ramsey, lineman, came out of the game with a broken collarbone, sustained in the third quarter—but he was able to attend the football banquet at Hotel Barlow Thanksgiving night.

For the first time in local history there was a change in the officiating staff in the middle of the game—but it was the call of war, and not to be denied. In the second quarter, Lt. Guiraud, attached to the Southwestern Proving Ground, the game's umpire, was called out of the game on military business. Earl O'Neil, field judge, and Quarterback McNeill, referee, Howard was referee; and Beacham, head linesman.

The game opened with an arousing play.

Hope had set Pine Bluff back on the Zebras' own 10-yard line; but the locals were caught napping, and Baldwin, Zebras substitute halfback, came around right end with plenty of interference and raced 20 yards for a touchdown. Extra point was missed, and with the game but a few minutes old the score was: Pine Bluff 6; Hope 0.

In the second quarter McCullough, taking the ball on Hope's 20, got in the clear around left end, and loped 80 yards to pay dirt. He also carried the ball over left tackle for the extra point—and Hope led, 7 to 6.

Near the end of the first half Buckner of Pine Bluff raced 40 yards to the Hope 8. The Zebras plunged to the 4. There McNeill, Pine Bluff quarterback, bucked the ball over. McNeill kicked the extra point—and Pine Bluff was back in the lead as the half closed 13 to 7. Second Half.

Hope kicked off to Pine Bluff to open the second half. The Zebras after a play or two kicked the ball out of bounds on their own 45. In two first downs Hope took the ball to the Pine Bluff 35. A pass, McCullough to Stanford, put it on the Pine Bluff 25—but the Zebras stiffened, and Hope lost the ball on downs.

Far back on their own 17, the Zebras hurried a pass, a daring gamble which they are noted for making good. But this was not their day for finesse. F. Huddleston of the Bobcats intercepted—and raced 30 yards to the goal. McCullough ran around left end for the extra point—and Hope regained the lead, 14 to 13.

The middle of the fourth quarter found Pine Bluff fighting grimly to come from behind. The Zebras marched stubbornly downfield, to get within striking distance, and once again their substitute halfback, Baldwin, went over for the goal. McNeill kicked the extra point—and now Pine Bluff led, 20 to 14.

In the closing minutes of play Pine Bluff kicked to Hope. The ball was brought out to the Hope 20. After a ground play, Stanford passed to McCullough from the Hope 25 to the 45. Another pass, this time McCullough to Stanford, put the ball on Pine Bluff's 45. McCullough plunged to the Pine Bluff 58.

But the Bobcats tried one more pass—and Pine Bluff intercepted, ending the scoring threat which might have tied or won the ball game. It ended with the ball in Pine Bluff's possession in mid-field.

First downs were: Pine Bluff 13; Hope 9.

545 for the Season

The teams were evenly matched, and their season records were similar.

Hope closed the season with six victories and five defeats, for a season percentage of .545.

In the Arkansas High School Conference Hope's standing was .500, with three wins and three losses.

Hope defeated Smackover, Texarkana, Jonesboro, Camden, Prescott and Malvern—but lost to El Dorado, Nashville, Hot Springs, Dierks and Pine Bluff.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.

Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Nov. 27 —(AP)— At the end of the first period of the Penn Cornell game yesterday, the Penn boys had had something like 18 shots at the goal from 30 yards or less in the game and had scored just one touchdown. . . . From there on they couldn't be stopped at least not by Cornell. . . . Which explains why you seldom see a grid coach over his umpire, let alone its natural color. . . . Off that one game, our vote goes to Penn as the

best team we've seen this season (we haven't seen Boston College.)

Today's Guest Star

Red Smith, Philadelphia Record; "The Penn-Cornell game, which ranks as a Philadelphia institution alongside the orchestra, the subways that don't go anywhere, and the city's remarkable drinking water feature of Philadelphia's. . . . Thanks to the 49th struggle in a series as richly flavored as the aforementioned water, and — like the subways — neither team is going anywhere."

Service Dept.

Capt. "Mike" Morgan, commander of the U.S.S. Boise, was a four letter man at Annapolis before he became a six-jap man in the Solomons. And he once won a trophy aboard the U. S. S. Nevada. . . . Tommy Swanson, former Oregon State halfback, now a captain at Camp Roberts, Calif., described a lieutenant in his company as "one of the grandest fellows I've ever known, and a wonderful officer with troops." . . . You may have heard of the Lieutenant last football season—Jarrin' John Kimbrough.

Nazis Meet

(Continued From Page One)

from French troops at the base. Sixty-two French warships, including three battleships, are based at Toulon.

The German high command said Hitler and Premier Mussolini ordered the occupation "to prevent the French Mediterranean fleet from putting to sea as planned," and that in addition "unsure contingents of the French army" would be demobilized.

The communiqué said German and Italian troops "threw to the wind the resistance of elements instigated by Anglo-Saxon influence which flared up at isolated points and in a few hours carried out their allotted tasks."

Part of the French fleet has scuttled itself in spite of the counter-order of the French (Vichy) government.

A Vichy broadcast said Hitler had ordered the immediate demobilization of all French naval and army forces and had placed Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt in supreme command in France.

DNB, the official German news agency, said Hitler himself gave the order which sent German troops marching into the base last night.

A German communiqué said the coup was effected "to protect this region against further violation by the British and American aggressors" following the Anglo-American offensive in North Africa.

Tonight the German Mediterranean fleet from Tunisia, where U. S. Army and British troops were now driving a wedge between Axis-held Tunis and Bizerte.

200 Attend Victory Rally at Bingen

More than 200 folks attended the 17th Victory Rally sponsored over Hempstead County by the Hope Rotary Club at Bingen last night.

Dr. Tom Brewster delivered the Victory address and Bill Wray led group singing and the pledge to the flag. Earl Martindale of Bingen introduced Oliver L. Adams, program chairman of the evening.

Miss Virginia Dougherty of Bingen played the piano and Rev. Bearden delivered the benediction.

More than 4500 rural folks have attended the 17 Victory Rallies sponsored by the Rotary Club in interest of scrap collection and regular war bond and stamp purchasing.

In 1932, American farmers raised 5,000,000 bushels of soy beans. The 1942 crop is 20,000,000, bushels.



El Dorado Beats Camden to Take Conference Title

By The Associated Press

The most hectic gridiron season in Arkansas high school conference history closed Thanksgiving in a blaze of glory but on a slightly sour note over the championship, which will go to El Dorado's rugged Wildcats unless the conference fathers make a retroactive addition to loop rules governing cancellations.

Spectacular football was dished up in the farwest program throughout the circuit.

El Dorado with All - State Halfback Veldon McKnight recording every El Dorado touchdown, clinched the conference lead with a 41-25 decision over the Camden Panthers in one of the highest scoring contests of the year.

The Hot Springs Trojans, whose Coach Milan Creighton laid claim to the title for his team, overcame a bad case of fumble jitters, to come from behind and defeat the Fort Smith Grizzlies 25-13 at the Spa.

North Little Rock's Wildcats cut loose a powerful offensive to beat their longtime foes, Little Rock Tigers, 31-12. Pine Bluff's Zebras had a busy afternoon down at Hope before beating the Bobcats 20-14, and Russellville nicked Clarksville 7-0.

When the smoke of the day's battles had cleared away, the upper bracket of the conference standings, as the posted officially, looked like this:

Team	w	l	pt.
El Dorado	6	1	.857
Hot Springs	3	1	.850
N. Little Rock	2	2	.500
Fort Smith	1	2	.333

Creighton, who agreed to a cancellation of a game with Clarksville earlier in the season — as did Blytheville and Jonesboro, reviewed his contention that in a conference should grant the Trojans credit for a forfeit for the cancelled Clarksville match if the Clarksville - Fort Smith and Clarksville - Russellville games were to count in the standings. However, conference rules make no provisions for forfeits. His claims will be heard when the conference board meets, probably next month. But, as far as the records go for games fought out on the chalked rectangles, El Dorado has the conference lead.

"We . . . maintain that if the conference does not allow the forfeit it was being inconsistent in permitting the Clarksville - Fort Smith and Clarksville - Russellville games to count in the standings," said Creighton.

"We think we are justified in making this claim since we accepted the early - season cancellation by Clarksville only on their promise not to play any other conference games. The unfairness of the recent developments is obvious."

While the conference members argued over their title non - conference Nashvillians were set to claim the unofficial statewide title on the basis of their undefeated, untied record which was clinched with their 27-0 beating of McGehee. The Scrappers hold decisions over such non - conference powers as Batesville and Snackover. The latter club defeated El Dorado only last week.

Other scores:

Mansfield 19, Greenwood 12

Paris 25, St. Annes of Fort Smith 0

Searey 40, Carlisle 0

Conway 13, Morrilton 13 (tie)

Helena 10, Marianna 0

Clarendon 6, Holly Springs 6 (tie)

Memphis, Tenn., Southside, 26, Jonesboro 0

Eudora 31, Lake Village 7

Stuttgart 31, Brinkley 0

Fayetteville 38, Harrison 0

Wynne 13, Cotuit Plant 6

Springdale 26, Rogers 0

T one-man collapsible parachute boat has been developed for American military pilots.

Court Not to Use Smith's Confession

Little Rock, Nov. 27 — (AP) — Testimony was completed today in the trial of Joe W. Smith, 30-year-old painter, charged with first degree murder of 10-year-old DeLores Catherine Smith, Little Rock school girl, last Sept. 25.

Circuit Judge Gus Fulk refused to permit the state to use as evidence an alleged confession obtained from Smith and the painter, testifying in his own defense, denied that he had killed the girl or had seen her on the day she disappeared after leaving school.

Under cross examination by Prosecutor Sam Robinson, this morning, Smith stuck to his story, reiterating details of an alibi that removed him from the scene of the alleged crime.

Arguments of attorneys were to be heard late today.

Sugar cane is substituted in many uses for cork, formerly imported from Spain.



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Church News

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Third and Main Streets
William R. Hamilton, Pastor
"Draw Nigh Unto God" will be the pastor's sermon subject at the 10:30 worship service Sunday morning.

Sunday School assemblies by departments at 9:30 a. m.
Sunday School will be held as usual in the Guernsey School Building at 2:30 p. m.
What Experience Said to Youth will be the pastor's subject at the 7:30 worship service Sunday evening.

Training Union assemblies at 6:30 p. m. for general worship and announcements concerning S. T. U. Course plans.
The annual "Finance-Fellowship Supper" will be held Tuesday at 6:45 with Dr. Thomas L. Harris, pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Little Rock, as guest speaker. All Sunday School, Training Union, Missionary Society and Church Officers are invited to attend this great inspirational gathering.
The public is cordially invited to worship at First Baptist Church.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Pine at Second
Robert B. Moore, Pastor
Chimes 9:30 a. m.
Church School 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a. m.
Special Music.
Sermon by the Pastor.
Vesper Service—5:30 p. m.
Sermon by the Pastor.
Youth Fellowship—6:30 p. m.

FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
W. 4th and Ferguson
W. P. Graves, Pastor
Sunday School—10 a. m.
Regular Service—11:30 p. m.
Evening Service—1:30 p. m.
Ladies Prayer Service Tuesday 2:30 p. m.
Rev. Hunter who is conducting Service, will preach at both morning and evening services Sunday. A possible come and hear him—bring your entire family to Sunday School Sunday morning.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Thomas Brewster, Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. with classes for all age groups.
Morning Worship 10:55 o'clock with special emphasis on Universal Bible Sunday, and special loose change offering for the work of the American Bible Society.
Vesper Service—5 a. m.
Young Peoples Meeting 6:15 p. m.
You are cordially invited to work and worship with us.

Freddie Tuggles Is Made a Sergeant

Private Freddie Tuggles of Hope is one of four men of the 385th Engineer Battalion at Camp Edwards, Mass., to be promoted to sergeant, according to an official announcement to The Star from the camp public relations officer.

Marvin Cunningham Returns to His Ship

Marvin D. Cunningham, electrician's mate 3rd class aboard the U. S. S. Whipple, has returned to his duties with the Navy after a short visit here with his mother, Mrs. Floyd Gilbert of Washington, Route One. It was his first visit home since joining the Navy two years ago.

Charles R. Carlton, Emmet, Navy Recruit

Great Lakes, Ill., Nov. 27.—The most recent arrivals at the U. S. Naval Training Station here, from Emmet, Ark., is Charles Raymond Carlton, son of Mr. E. D. Carlton, Emmet, Rt. No. 1. He reported to begin recruit training last week.

Kwantung Province, China, is spending six million Chinese dollars to teach gliding.

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Toni Jo to Be Executed at Noon Saturday

Lake Charles, La., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Calm and apparently unafraid, Mrs. Annie Beatrice (Toni Jo) Henry, convicted and self confessed slayer, awaited execution in Louisiana's portable electric chair here at noon tomorrow.
Deputy Sheriff Gibbs Duhon said Mrs. Henry, convicted of the killing of Joseph P. Calloway, Houston, Texas, salesman in a frozen rice field near here in February, 1940, slept late Thanksgiving morning and apparently enjoyed the wild duck and dressing which was on the Calacasian parish prison's menu.
Duhon said the condemned woman had refused to read newspapers and had turned to the radio for entertainment. Reading her Bible has been her main solace.
Dubbed a "Tigress" during her three murder trials, the woman has been a model prisoner, Duhon said, and has not suffered a day's illness since her imprisonment 33 months ago.
Mrs. Henry, a self styled "prostitute at 13, and dope fiend at 16," in a signed confession admitted she fired the fatal shots after she and a companion, Finnon Burks, had forced Calloway out of his car into the rice field where he was stripped and killed as he knelt begging for his life. Burks also is under death sentence but the date of execution has not been set.
The state supreme court twice granted Mrs. Henry new trials on grounds of prejudicial conduct in the lower court, in her third conviction was upheld.
Governor Sam Jones has declared he will not interfere and three were no apparent legal moves open to her.
Mrs. Henry will be the first woman to be electrocuted in the state and the second white woman to die for murder.

Hold Everything



"Your job will be different this year—try to talk them out of what they want!"

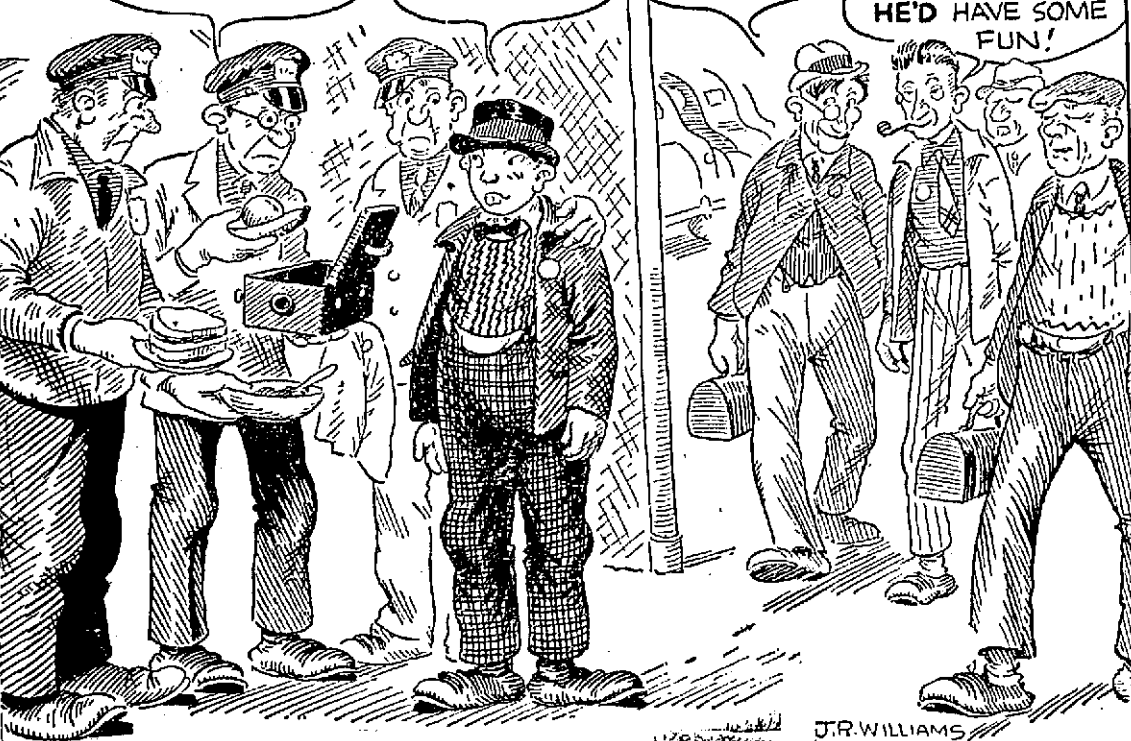
OUT OUR WAY

WOT'S TH' GAG--
RIGGIN' YOUR
LUNCH BOX UP
WID WASHERS
AN' NUTS TO LOOK
LIKE A CAMERA?
TRYNA KID SOME-
BODY?

NO, I JUST
THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE
NICE TO
LOOK LIKE
A SPORTSMAN
INSTID OF A
WORKMAN!

HE THINKS THEY
GATE COPS HAVE
IT TOO SOFT, SO
HE TAPED HIS
EYES SLANTIN'
TO GIVE 'EM
SOMETHIN' TO
DO!

THAT FUNNY
BUSINESS
CAN GO TOO
FAR--I THINK
HITLER SAW
A FRENCHMAN
LAYIN' IN A HAM-
MOCK AN' THOUGHT
HE'D HAVE SOME
FUN!



THE ALERT

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BAH!—IMAGINE THAT STUFFY SCHOOL BOARD INSISTING I PRESENT A CERTIFICATE!—AND WHEN I RELATED I HAD TUTORED PRINCES, RAJAHS AND LAMAS, SOME JACKANAPES CLERK REPLIED, "YOU DON'T MEAN MARY'S LITTLE LAMA, DO YOU, MISTER?"—EGAD, MAJOR FATTLETON SHALL HEAR OF THIS!

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HE'LL SEE THE MAJOR ANYWAY

Wash Tubbs

BLAZES! NOW I KNOW WHAT'S MEANT BY A COMPLEXION LIKE PEACHES AND CREAM



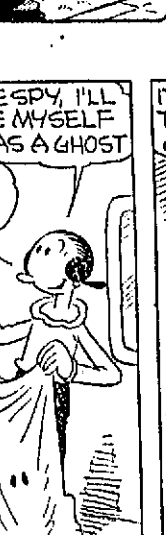
A Bit Chilly

YES, INDEED! I HOPE SO. I THINK YOU'VE BROKEN MY LEG



By Roy Cro

BY THE WAY, WHAT UNIFORM IS THAT?



Thimble Theo

SIR, THIS IS AN OFFICER'S UNIFORM OF THE WAFF-WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, AND NOW, IF YOUR BROKEN LEG IS BETTER, CAPTAIN, AND YOU HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS, I'LL RESUME MY DUTIES



Poppey

THEY'RE SUMPIN' ORFUL, STRANGE ABOUT ALL THESE GHOSTS



"The Last Word"

I'M A SHE SPY, I'LL DISGUISE MYSELF AS A GHOST



Donald Duck

IT TAKES A GHOST TO CATCH A GHOST THAT'S AN OLD SAYING



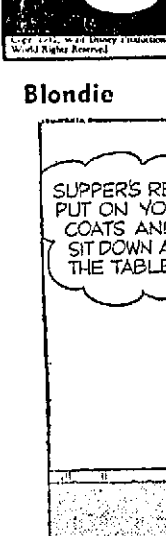
United We Stand

THERE'S NO DANGER, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SAY KING ZEX, AND I'M SAFE



Blondie

SUPPER'S READY! PUT ON YOUR COATS AND SIT DOWN AT THE TABLE



"Dressed" Beef!

COATS? THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID



Boots and Her Buddies

OH FERD! LOOK HOW TALL BIG BULLES HAVE TIED UP POOR LITTLE PUG



Take It Easy, Ferdy

FOR TWO CENTS I'D SHY--THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM



Red Ryder

YOU TIPPED MINN MARTIN OFF THAT I WAS TAKIN' A HERD OF CATTLE ACROSS THE RIVER TONIGHT



Talk Fast!

HATSA LIE! MY SHOTS WERE WHAT NAMED YOU OF? YOU WERE RIDIN' INTO



Not Very Successful

QUEEN UNPATEABLE! YEH BUT SHE DIDN'T MISS! OL' GUYZ! BOY WHAT A CLOUT



Freddie and His Friends

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, I'M ONLY GONNA GET FIVE DOLLARS?



Good Old Uncle Jasper

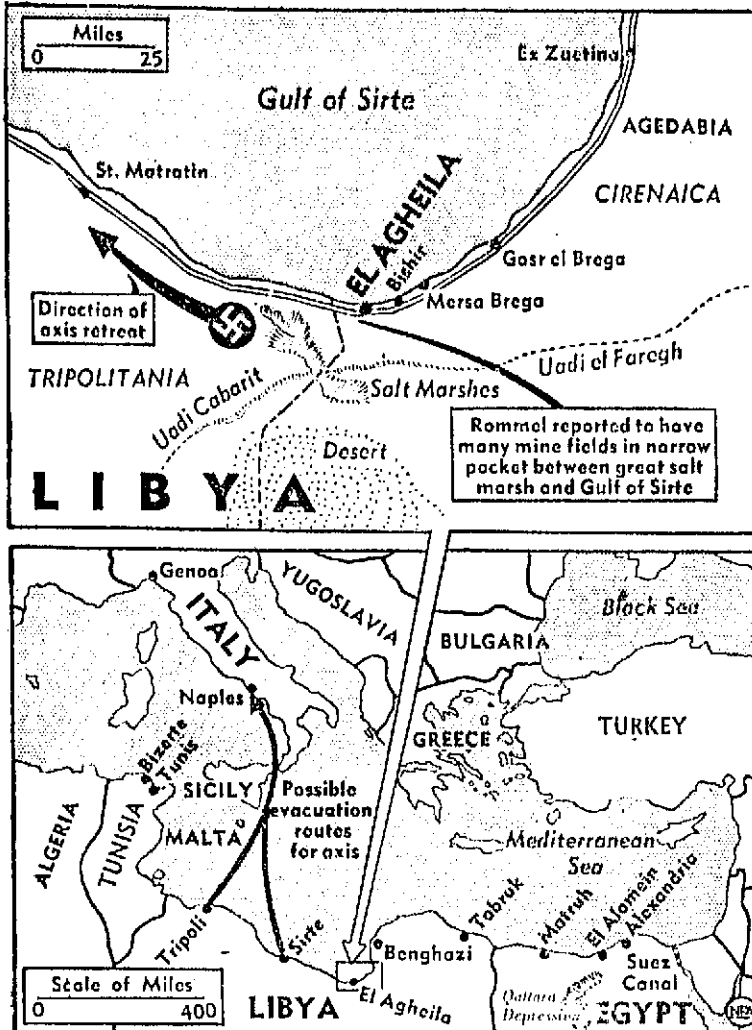
JASPER GRUBBLE LEFT AN ESTATE OF \$10--THAT'S YOUR HALF!



By Merrill Blag

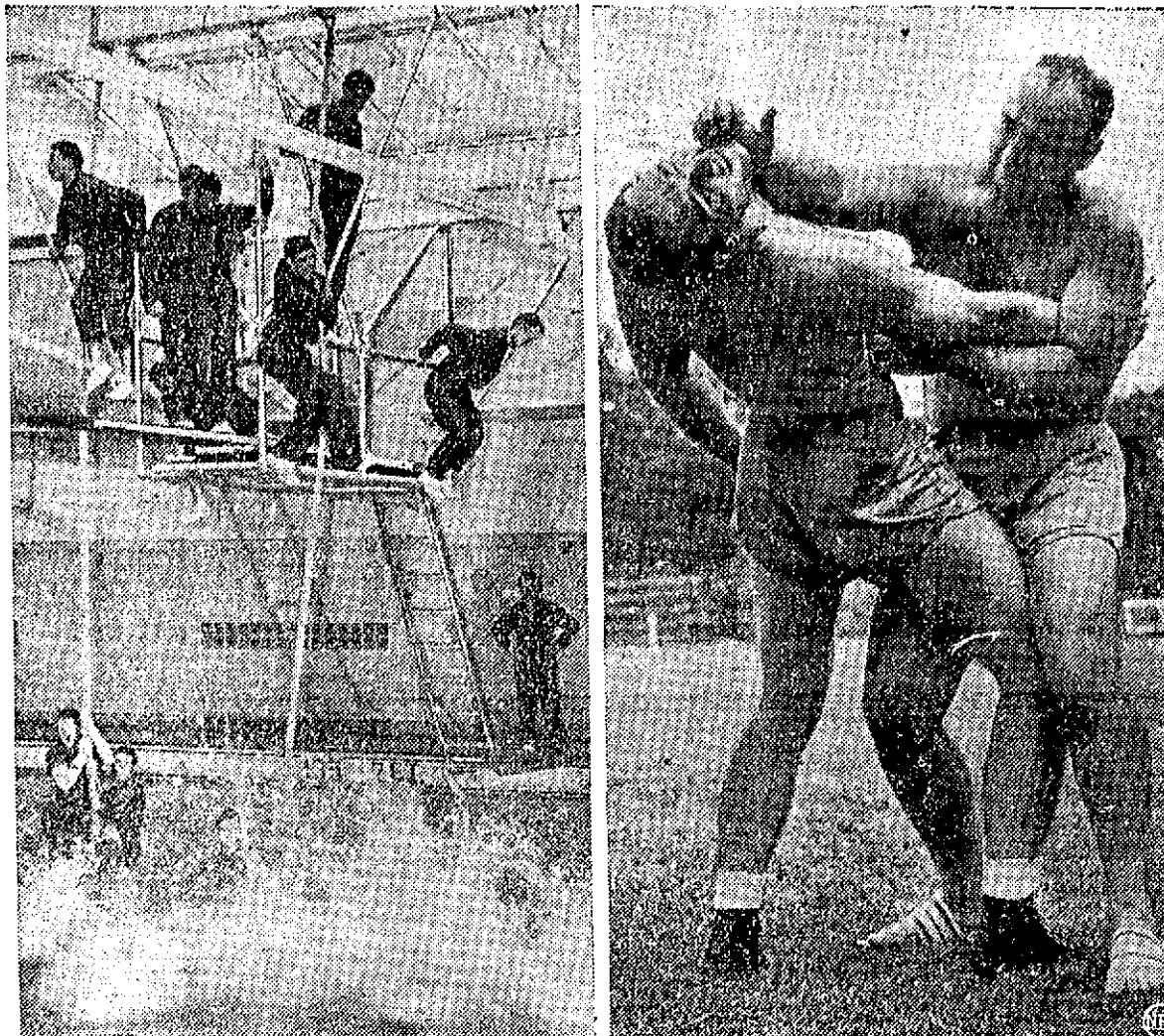
HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MORE LEFT AFTER HE DIED!

El Agheila---Rommel's El Alamein?



German General Rommel's fleeing axis armies may have in El Agheila, Libya, the same kind of a bottleneck defense that saved Suez and the British army at El Alamein, Egypt. There the Qattara Depression formed a natural barrier leaving only a 40-mile wide strip for the British to defend. El Agheila, at the bottom of the roller-coaster bend between Benghazi and Tripoli is only 25 miles from the edge of the salt marshes that enclose a narrow passage along the Gulf of Sirte. Even if remaining axis forces are not strong enough to hold this short line, they may fight a delaying action to hold off the British until an evacuation can be made at Tripoli or other points along the Libyan coast.

Getting Tough—The Navy Way



Navy puts 1850 Aviation Cadets, who are receiving pre-flight training at North Carolina, through rigorous paces. To practice leaving a stricken ship, left, they leap into pool fully clothed from special rigging. Lieut. (j.g.) Hank Reese, right, shows Cadet Richard Carlton fine art of gouging and removing gun from enemy.

Georgia Guide



Ken Keuper, above, could kick in a pinch, but lends Frankie Sinkwich and all-conquering Georgia more valuable assistance from quarterback position as a blocker from blockersville.

Roll Out the Barrel



Bushy-haired New Guinea native puts his husky arms to pushing a gasoline drum at an Australian supply depot. These one-time "wildmen" are reported aiding allied forces in many ways.

Parked in Parkas



Things should warm up in the frozen north when these parka-clad, USO cuties start entertaining our armed forces in Alaska. The girls donned Arctic attire just before setting sail. Lending the proper military atmosphere is Lieut. George O. Young, of the Army Air Forces.

And This Little Pig--



"What's all the shouting about?" asks eight-year-old Lola McKay, Los Angeles, when her elders moan about the possibility of meat rationing. She carries her own supply—a 27-pound porker she will exhibit at the Great Western Livestock show.

Simply a Shortage

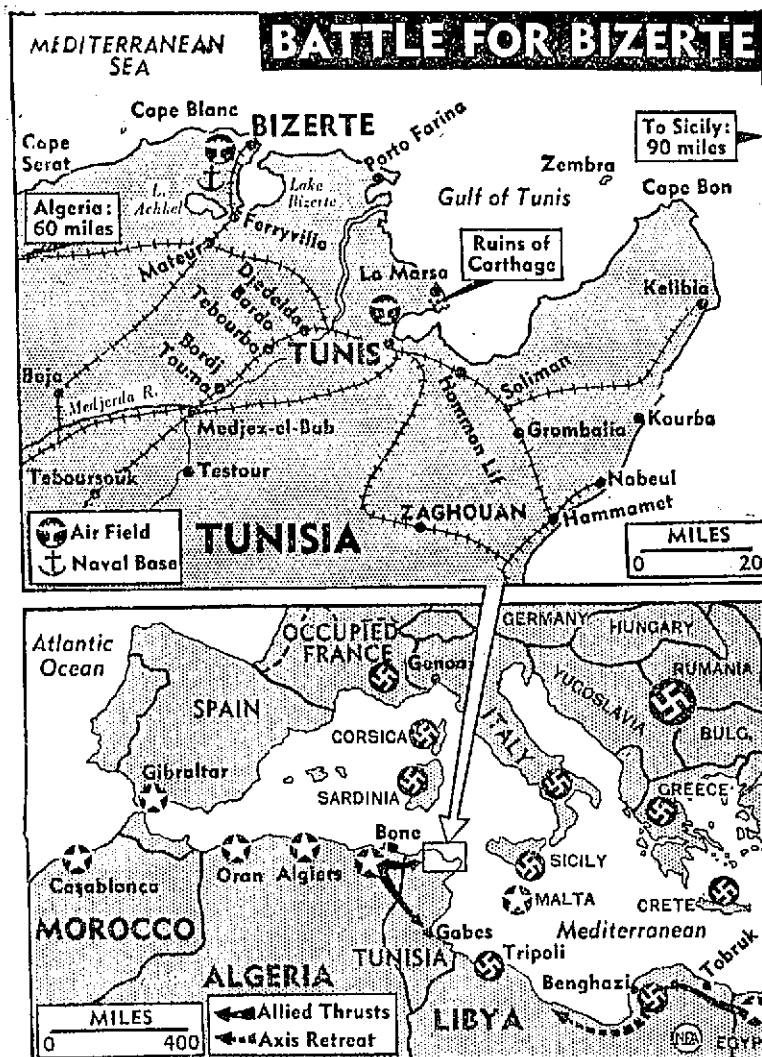


"The darned things are just a nuisance anyway," beams little Rita Mignon Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Payne, Memphis, Tenn., when told younger generation might face a diaper shortage.

Santa Solves Manpower Problem



With our soldiers, sailors and Marines scattered all over the globe, Santa finds himself shorthanded, so the jolly old saint has drafted Mrs. Santa to take over his place in a Chicago department store.



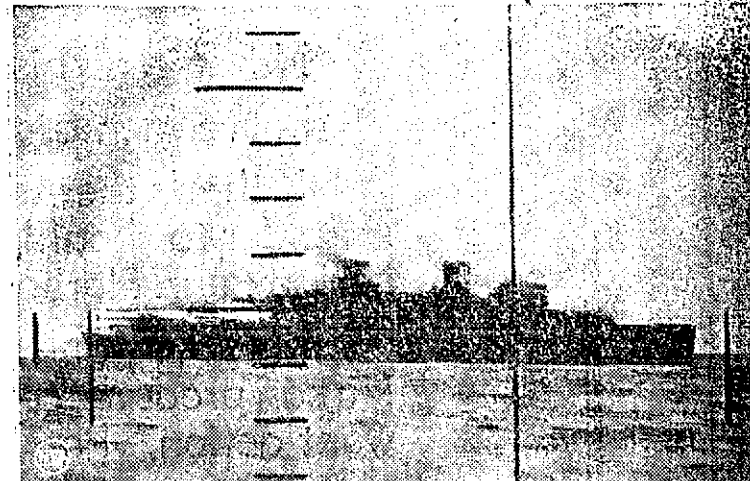
Key to control of the western Mediterranean is the French naval base of Bizerte, now bearing the brunt of battle between allied and axis forces in Tunisia. Bizerte and nearby Tunis are just across a narrow, 90-mile strait from Sicily, the Nazis' island "aircraft carrier" in mid-Mediterranean. Map shows closeup of Bizerte battle area and its relation to other north African fighting fronts.

Good for Gas?



West Coast wives are all very good, but Jacqueline White of Los Angeles will find an A-card more effective in obtaining those needed gallons, with gasoline rationing in effect.

Periscope Picture of Jap Liner



American sub's-eye-view of an enemy liner shows the Japanese exchange ship, Tatsuta Maru headed for a neutral port with home-bound United Nations citizens. Some 150 Jap vessels caught full in periscope sights like this have been sunk by U. S. subs in the Pacific, but this liner was photographed by one of our unsung undersea boats on a scouting mission.

Is This How It Started?

National Platform
of the
Workers (Communist) Party
1928

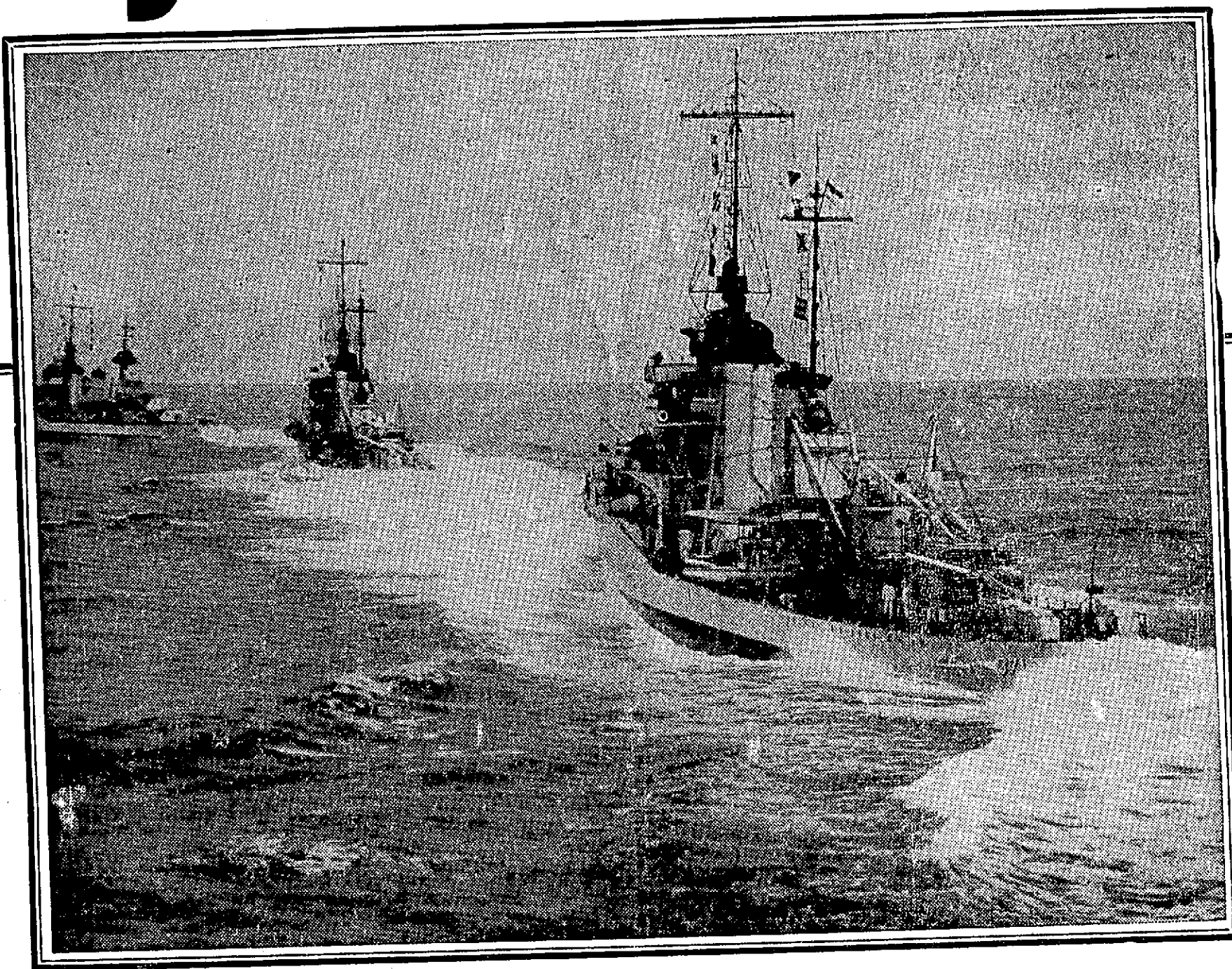
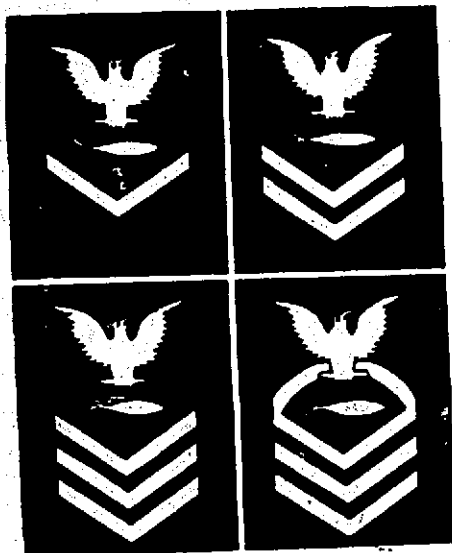
The interest of the masses is the only basis for the struggle. At the same time it would be an illusion to think that "free trade" would be a permanent relief for the toiling masses. Free trade under capitalist conditions is as much a capitalist institution as high tariff.

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 3. Exemption for all working and employed farmers.
 4. Graduated income tax, starting with incomes above \$5,000 and increasing gradually, so that all incomes over \$25,000 per year are confiscated.
 5. All tax exemptions on bond, stock and securities must be abolished.
 6. Graduated inheritance and gift taxes on great fortunes must be introduced.

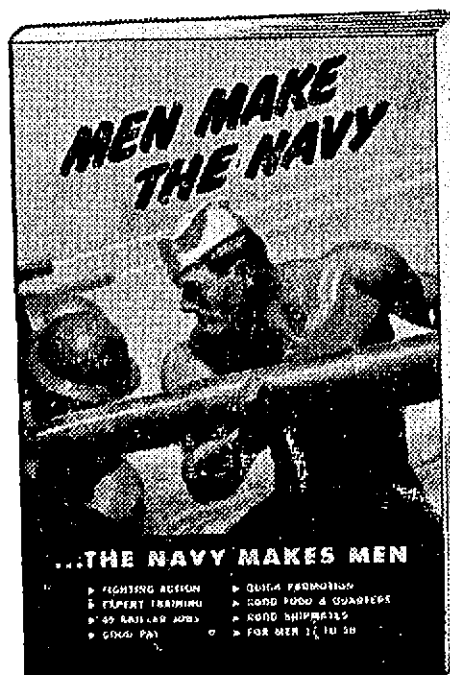
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